

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 8 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** A charging apparatus ~~according to Claim 7,~~  
comprising:  
a movable image bearing member,  
wherein said image bearing member includes a photosensitive layer and a  
surface protecting layer covering said photosensitive layer, and  
wherein said [[the]] surface protecting layer has a thickness of 2-10μm, and  
a taper abrasion wear of 0.1 to 1.0 mg/1000 ~~revolutions; revolutions:~~  
a first charging member for charging said image bearing member; and  
a second charging member provided upstream of said first charging member with  
respect to a direction of movement of said image bearing member,  
wherein said second charging member includes an elastic rotary member  
rubbing against said image bearing member,  
wherein said charging apparatus is used in an image forming apparatus of an  
electrophotographic process.